

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: GTE MIDWEST INCORPORATED AND IOWA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.	DOCKET NO. SPU-99-29
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SECOND ORDER REQUIRING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

(Issued January 31, 2000)

On October 20, 1999, GTE Midwest Incorporated (GTE) and Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc. (ITS), (collectively, the "Applicants") filed a joint application for an order approving the proposed sale of GTE's Iowa exchanges to ITS pursuant to Iowa Code §§ 476.20, 476.29, and 476.77 (1999). The filing has been identified as Docket No. SPU-99-29.

After completing its initial review of the application and the Applicants' responses to the Board's first request for additional information, the Board finds it still has some questions concerning the proposed transaction. Accordingly, the Board will direct Applicants to answer all of the questions on the attached document, identified as Attachment B and incorporated herein by this reference, no later than Friday, February 4, 2000. If the Applicants are unable to respond to some of the questions in that time frame, they should file a detailed request for extension of time, applying only to those questions that cannot be answered by that date, and explaining why that is so.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

Applicants are directed to answer the questions set forth in the attached document, identified as Attachment B, by Friday, February 4, 2000.

Answers should be submitted in the form of sworn testimony and exhibits.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr. /s/ Diane Munns
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 31st day of January, 2000.

ATTACHMENT B
TO
"SECOND ORDER REQUIRING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION"

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Additional information requested of the Applicants:

1. Provide a list of all GTE EAS routes that have passed the balloting process but which have not been implemented as of 1/1/2000. Please include the following in your reply.
 - a. Name of the from and to exchanges and serving utility.
 - b. Date of ballot return.
 - c. Proposed date of implementation.
 - d. Status of project.
1. Provide a list of all EAS routes that have passed the petitioning process or which have been directed to be balloted by the Board, and have not been balloted as of 1/1/2000. Please include the following in your reply.
 - a. Name of the from and to exchanges and serving utility.
 - b. Date of petition receipt or Board order directing balloting.
 - c. Proposed date of balloting.
 - d. Status of project.
1. Provide Touch America's balance sheet, income statement, and cash flow statements for year-end 1997 and 1998.
2. Confidential Exhibit DMA-3 contained a summary showing the number of failed exchanges for customer troubles per hundred lines. This exhibit was filed as part of a response to the Board's request for quality of service measurements (IOWA ADMIN. Code 199-22.6). Please provide monthly service measurements for each wire center for the period of time covered in the summary.